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I am tired of Microsoft running good competitors out by bundling their similar programs with the operating system. Microsoft does not make the best or most reliable product & when they integrate it makes the individual products worse not better. Please make part of the settlement just the operating system, a product separate from media player or internet explorer.

I looked at the license agreement for a media player upgrade & they come out a say that it may disable other products without your knowledge or consent. It may also download security updates without your knowledge or consent. They should not be allowed to take control of the software I already have on my system with out my consent. Stop them from forcing their garbage to the user.

Digital Rights Management (Security). You agree that in order to protect the integrity of content and software protected by digital rights management ("Secure Content"), Microsoft may provide security related updates to the OS Components that will be automatically downloaded onto your computer. These security related updates may disable your ability to copy and/or play Secure Content and use other software on your computer. If we provide such a security update, we will use reasonable efforts to post notices on a web site explaining the update.

Protect the people from the monopoly called Microsoft. Do not give up on the unbundled, cheaper, more reliable versions of software. I should not have to uninstall it afterwards, should be options to install or not the whole time.

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